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JACK ANDERSON: Argentina's military leaders were disgraced by the Falkland Islands crisis but there is still a formidable input.

This is Jack Anderson for Mutual Radio in Washington. I'll have the story after this.

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Here is the inside story.

The military leaders of Argentina were disgraced by their lost gamble in the Falkland Islands. But still the military factions are a powerful force. My CIA sources tell me that they doubt that the current President Reynaldo Bignone will be able to hang onto his office. Several different coup plots are evolving that could potentially succeed.

My CIA sources tell me that plots are brewing among the Argentina's junior Army officers and are most likely to be carried through.

Now Bignone is also an army leader. He came to power promising elections to select a civilian government by 1984. The pressure is mounting for a controlled exit from the post long before that deadline.

Meanwhile, other military factions might try to form combined military/civilian political parties which will keep the military hand strong in Argentina's government.

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